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- 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references are attached hereto.
- 5. Japanese Patent Application No. 2000-66565 corresponds to U.S. Patent No. 6,317,404.

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